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Photo by Mark Arike

Two firefighters douse what's left of Dunloe Farm Bed and Breakfast after fire ripped through the two-storey building early December 10. No one was injured, but Darlene McConnell was taken to hospital for a precautionary examination.

Dunloe Farm owner saved in heroic rescue

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Two local men are being hailed as heroes after rescuing a woman from a burning home on Dec. 10 before firefighters arrived on scene.

Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan revealed

that Barry Miscio and Joel Voicey came across the fire at of Dunloe Farm Bed and Breakfast. According to Maughan, the men went to the door and yelled to see if anyone was home. The owner, Darlene McConnell, responded but couldn't find her way out.

"Mr. Miscio entered the house and found Mrs. McConnell and dragged her out

through the smoke," wrote Maughan in an email. "After getting her into the truck she told them her husband was still in the building."

"They attempted to re-enter the building but the smoke was too thick. It was discovered later that Mr. McConnell had gone to town and was not in the building."

Although she was uninjured, McConnell was transported to hospital for a precautionary examination.

Unfortunately, the family's two dogs and two cats perished in the fire, said Maughan.

"When the call came in we were told that somebody was trapped. That changed our

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Feed company reopens at temporary location

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Less than a month after their beloved business burned to the ground, Maureen Adams and Charles McAleaney are back open for business at a temporary location.

"It feels like it's been three years, not three weeks," Adams told a customer during the store's reopening on Dec. 5 at 33 Hops Drive in Haliburton.

On Nov. 13, The Great Haliburton Feed Company was ravaged by fire which resulted in the deaths of nine cats, two rabbits and one rat. The cause of the blaze, which occurred on Industrial Park Road, remains unknown. The damage was estimated at \$400,000.

Soon after, the community came to the couple's aid and they received an offer for space in The Beer Store plaza from local businessman Jerry Walker.

"We had a lot of help," smiled Adams. "I don't think we could have done this without all the stuff that people have given."

In addition to selling pet food, supplies and other products, the business takes in stray and baby animals that they put up for adoption. They will continue to provide this service, but Adams is asking the public to call in ahead of time if they plan on dropping off an animal.

The Great Haliburton Feed Company can be reached at 705-457-9775.



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The owners of The Great Haliburton Feed Company, Maureen Adams and Charles McAleaney, stand in front of their new location at 33 Hops Drive in The Beer Store plaza.

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Highlander news



Two departments battled Dunloe fire

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attack," he told The Highlander.

Thirteen Dysart firefighters arrived on scene to battle the blaze which had completely engulfed the home around 8 a.m. Firefighters from Algonquin Highlands were then called for assistance.

EMS confirmed that no one was in the home when firefighters showed up.

According to a press release, the property is owned by Dale and Darlene McConnell.

The cause of the fire is unknown at this time and an estimate of the damages is yet to be determined.

Maughan couldn't confirm whether the Fire Marshal would be called in to investigate.

"It's a total loss," said Maughan of the state of the building.

Firefighters pumped water from a nearby stream to contain the fire and remained on the property until 1:30 p.m.

A portion of Barry Line was closed to traffic while fire crews were at the scene.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: A firefighter puts water on the building as clouds of smoke continue to fill the sky.
Above: Firefighters douse what's left of the two-storey home on Barry Line.

Highlands East council back to work

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Highlands East council has been sworn in to office, and the councillors are ready and eager to get to work.

"I'm humbled the people of Highlands East have elected me as their reeve for another four years," said Reeve Dave Burton, who defeated challenger Steve Cosentino in the October election. "I'm overjoyed with the return of many of the former council members – Suzanne [Partridge, Ward 2], Cec [Ryall, Ward 3] and Joan [Barton, Ward 4] – and I'm happy to welcome Cam McKenzie [Ward 1] to our council."

During the ceremony, Highlands East CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig and Michael Bainsbridge unveiled the municipality's official chain of office, which incorporated minerals found in the area. The chain was placed around Burton's neck. He will be the first reeve in Highlands East to wear it.

"We will never waver from our commitment to perform our duty to the best of our ability," Burton said of his council. "I cannot wait to see what we can accomplish in the next four [years]. We have a dedicated, enthusiastic team here in Highlands East."

The students from Wilberforce Elementary School attended the ceremony at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre, and sang 'Oh Canada' to open the meeting.

In the ensuing council meeting, Partridge was nominated and chosen to be the municipality's deputy-reeve for the term of council.

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Editorial opinion

HE moving forward

The future is bright in Highlands East.

The municipality's council – all returning from last term except for newly elected Ward 1 councillor Cam McKenzie – has been sworn in. The reeve has some new bling to wear and already the municipality is moving forward with its first major project of this new term: the new food centre in Wilberforce.

The mood during the inauguration ceremony and the first council meeting held afterwards was optimistic. And while McKenzie has some catching up to do (a fact made evident during that first meeting, where he opted not to weigh in on a council decision regarding committees), that's something that will come in time.

If anything, the new councillor has shown his willingness to be patient and have a good understanding of an issue before casting a vote – a trait that should serve him well over the term of council.

The municipality also took the opportunity during the inauguration to unveil its new official chain of office. The gold chain sits atop a green sash, and is secured at the back with four keys representing the municipality's wards. Mounted on the chain are several minerals that can be found throughout Highlands East.

The chain is a strong symbol for the municipality. It speaks to the community's pride in the things that make it unique. Congratulations to Dave Burton, who will be the first reeve to wear it. While he's still unsure how often he will wear the chain, the answer should be to every council meeting and municipal event.

One storyline that did not play out during the first council meeting was a challenge to the deputy-reeve's seat. In Highlands East, as in Algonquin Highlands, the

deputy-reeve is selected internally from the group of elected councillors.

There had been rumours leading up to the nomination meeting that Ward 3 councillor Cecil Ryall had his eye on the position. However, at the nomination meeting, Ryall instead put Suzanne Partridge's name forward for the seat. Her reaction, and that of Reeve Burton, would indicate the rumours of Ryall's intentions had been true to some extent. Partridge told Ryall the nomination meant a lot coming from him, and Burton called Ryall's move classy.

What ratepayers should take from that is not that Ryall changed his mind about wanting the position, rather that council is united in its desire to work for the people of Highlands East, and Ryall didn't want to jeopardize that with a challenge to another councillor.

It also means that he has faith in Partridge, which speaks strongly to the respect this council has for one another. With several irons already in the fire, Ryall and his fellow councillors all feel they're ready to move forward.

So what does all this mean for Highlands East?

It means there is a council in power that is ready to work hard for its ratepayers, and that will do so as a cohesive unit. They won't always agree, and it's unlikely they will always get their decisions right, but like last term, it will be both interesting and exciting to see what they can do.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Fuel for thought

I'm not a big fan of seeing the price go down at the fuel pumps. Sure there's that instant gratification of knowing you just saved 12 cents on your latest tank of gas, but it's the subtext that doesn't sit well with me. It implies that the fuel industry is somehow like all other industries – that is, driven by market conditions and the basic laws of supply and demand. Big Oil, in my mind at least, doesn't work that way.

We're told that because of surplus reserves and "low demand" (as most of the industrialized Western and Northern world enters the winter season, mind you) the price per barrel of Texas crude now is plummeting. Meanwhile, late last spring, the narrative was for consumers to expect sharp price increases given the impending summer traffic and its extra fuel volume demands for cars, boats, lawnmowers etc. This seems ludicrous. Don't we drive just as much in the winter? In fact, I would argue that winter fuel consumption easily rivals the rest of the year when you consider idling and warming concerns for a frozen vehicle. This doesn't even begin to consider the added energy needs of a typical North American home during the winter months yet somehow, miraculously, the price of oil is falling.

Now I'm not an economist but, like most of you, I understand basic business whether the commodity is mufflers or macaroni noodles. I don't buy those conspiracy theories when it comes to Big Oil but what I do subscribe to is the price of crude being based on two other insidious factors: greed and arrogance – greed that inflates the price and arrogance which assumes that consumers will always line up at the petroleum trough.

As it stands now we all just grit our teeth, wave our fists in protest and stick the hose into the car. This is something oil companies know all too well. In fact they count on it. Why shouldn't they? Our fossil fuel dependency is legendary.

But this is where Big Oil has it all wrong. Just because something has been a certain way for what seems like forever doesn't mean it will always be that way.

As fossil fuel prices steadily creep up over time, cracks in the marketplace will start to

appear, cracks that will eventually lead to cleaner, more affordable alternative energy sources. This isn't heady, hippie pipe dream. It's an economic reality.

You needn't look any further than some of the alternative energy providers we have in our own county as an example of that. While there might not be an exact perfect replacement for the internal combustion engine just yet, these local innovators are leading the way towards home and business based alternative energy generation, whether it's solar, wind or energy cell production. It is safer, cleaner and eventually it will be just as affordable. The mere idea of being off-the-grid or at least not being at the mercy of large energy producers is not such a foreign concept anymore, and this growing wave of alternative energy solutions grows in lockstep with escalating oil prices.

Miraculously some of the more forward-thinking oil companies actually understand this. Some can appreciate consumer frustration and, more to the point, are adapting to this changing landscape. They get that fossil fuels have a short shelf life in both finite reserves and in regards to a patient customer base. They know that their very survival depends on the ability to transition from being just an oil company to becoming an energy company. They know people value sustainability in energy production as much as they do price and availability.

Necessity is, as they say, the mother of invention, and when that necessity is precipitated by an industry driven by a palpable greed and overwhelming arrogance, it doesn't take long for the seeds of innovation to be planted. And planted they are. So feel free to enjoy the occasional price break at the pumps, but know full well that every extra cent we end up paying brings us one step closer to those revolutionary (and alternative energy-rich) winds of change.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Letters to the editor

Leave business to the professionals

Dear editor,

Here we are, starting another winter in the Haliburton Highlands. I read with interest (actually excitement) the letter from Rosemarie Jung, Manager of Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, and following that, the article from Matthew Desrosiers about the new tool available online that will track the labour market in the Highlands.

Rosemarie is excited also. She wants to increase business in Haliburton, bring in new business, and keep people living here and working. What a new concept, something that has evaded past councils, even though the people of this community have continually demanded action.

Now we have a brand new term for councils. It is my opinion that these people should stick to what they know best, running the county. Organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Haliburton County Development Corporation, and input from currently located businesses, should be the major part of any decisions regarding incoming businesses to the area. The rejection

of Armatec locating in a remote part of Dysart would not have happened. This area, right next to Highlands East, desperately needed the jobs and the business generated from this venture. We must not allow a few misinformed hotheads to influence councillors into making bad decisions to get their vote. This has to be an intelligent business decision by business professionals.

Nor can we allow seasonal cottagers to regulate what business comes our way. As long as it does not affect their enjoyment of their cottage and surrounding environment, they're happy. But they do not have to survive here.

If you look at Banff, Alberta, everything is regulated to enhance business, from encouraging entirely different businesses to come, to ensuring Christmas lights are on the stores. Here we need year-round industry in areas such as in the Industrial Park. Rosemarie Jung and those of the same mind just might be what the Haliburton Highlands needs to bring us to a vibrant community standard.

Ted Cumber
Gooderham

Blue jays: seriously?

Dear editor,

I am just going through all of the papers I brought home from our cottage on Wenona Lake, back in October. One of these was a letter I cut out of the Highlander, from Diana Coleiro of Minden, about a civic address sign which had been damaged and the letter she received from the county indicated that the damage was due to blue jays. Was this letter genuine? How unbelievable, if it is.

On the other hand, I can believe it, as the signs around our lake are located in totally inappropriate places. You actually have to turn onto the road before you can see the sign

for it, and one has no exit, so it's great that you can always see what road you were on as you leave! So many people miss our turn because you are driving along Wenona East, it is basically a hidden intersection, and the road that many people miss on the left is Wenona West (our road), whereas the road that goes straight ahead is Hasley Pass. Go figure!

So, is the blue jay story really legitimate? I have related it to many people and few can believe it. If it is true, it should be on YouTube.

Mary Sharp
Wenona Lake and Ancaster, Ontario

Puppy love

It was the other night when it happened. "Get down!" I scolded, followed by "good boy," when my perhaps somewhat barked initial request was obeyed.

"You know, you talk to your son just like you speak to the dog," my lovely wife informed me, with a raised eyebrow and pursed lips.

"No I don't," I began, but quickly realized the futility of any sort of argued defence, following the two previous phrases that I'd directed at Little Z. And so instead, I tried to rationalize my behaviour, my somewhat sparse, some would even say terse interaction with the small person most precious to me.

"Well, he's only five and the dog is still a puppy, and..." My sentence tailed off.

"They both seem to have selective hearing when it comes to doing what I ask, and..." again I floundered for suitable words. My lovely wife's stern look told me I should quit while I was, shall we say, not too far behind.

Since then, I have been thinking about how I talk to Little Z. There are lots of times when I enter into proper discussions with him. When we play Lego games and he builds spaceships that resemble nothing like any spaceship I

have ever seen and we argue about just how his vessel would fly without wings: "But it has a special pole to make it fly, Daddy! And it flies faster than all of your spaceships because they've got wings that get in the way."

When we go wandering through the bush looking for animal tracks: "Look, here's a turkey track."

"What if it's a tiny T-rex, Daddy? What if it's gonna grow up and eat everything?"

"T-rex are extinct, buddy."

"How do you know? What if they're just hiding?" And so it goes wonderfully on, with me marvelling at how his young mind works.

However, there are quite a few instances when I have to admit that it does sound like I'm talking to Jeff, our dog. But you know what, on contemplation, I do think I've come up with some kind of defence as to why I do it.

I was watching a show, a while back now, about raising children. It was one of those awful ones (imported from my home country, unfortunately) and on it was Super Nanny. There she was, in the midst of major family dysfunction – parents crying and shouting,

Photo of the week



Photo by Rosemarie Jung

This friendly otter popped up through some ice in Birch Narrows.

TheOutsider



By Will Jones

kids running round madly, chewing the table legs and peeing up the corner of the couch – and she's laying down rules for how to make these little monsters behave better.

"Positive praise. Always praise them when they do something well or obey your wishes," says Super Nanny. "Lots of encouragement. If they are trying their best big them up, make them feel special. But don't forget that they need well-defined boundaries. They need to know what is right and what is wrong, and you mustn't be afraid to tell them, and perhaps punish them if they step out of their boundaries." She went on a while longer, talking about stimulating environments and parental participation during which I have to admit to zoning out (is that a bad sign?) and then she ended on, "most of all lots of love."

Now, Little Z isn't what I'd term dysfunctional, unless he really wants to be, and then I guess you'd probably just call it down right annoying, but Super Nanny's words did strike home. And so, when he does something well or is trying very hard, even if not succeeding, I'll throw out the encouraging "Good boy, well done." I'll even reach out and ruffle his hair, for added emphasis. I

might even throw him a bone. Only kidding.

However, my son is a bright little fellow and at times he likes to test his boundaries. Climbing onto the kitchen worktop and pilfering cookies from the cupboard is one of his favourite cheeky tricks. I don't mind really but, knowing that Super Nanny says I have to well-define those boundaries, I can't be seen to let him steal the odd Orea. Instead, I growl, "Get down!"

Then send him to his crate. Oh, sorry again, that's Jeff the dog.

But you see what I'm getting at. Little boys and puppies are very similar, and, if every once in a while when I'm talking to Little Z it sounds like I'm talking to a dog, I'm just doing my best at being a dad in this world where our every thought and action seems recorded and pawed over... see what I did there?

Now, you wanna go pee? Come on then, let's go pee... Good boy!

Oh, and you too Jeff, come on then...

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What was your reaction to the news about Garry Handlen?*



Bill Deguire
Minden

I do not appreciate guys killing anyone. We should still have the death penalty.

Doug Palmer
Minden

I am surprised and shocked. We have to bear in mind he is arrested and not yet been found guilty. So far it is innuendo.



Karl Mueller
Stanhope

My reaction was more shock than anything. I was wondering why it took so long to catch him and how they did it.

Kristen Monk
Minden

Shocked! You do not think of that sort of thing in our small community. We think that we are removed from city things like that.



Shirley Kirk
Hunter Creek

I did not know him. I have very little reaction. I was very surprised that someone with that reputation was living here.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Award-winning filmmaker on Handlen's trail in Minden

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Shortly after Garry Taylor Handlen was arrested and charged for first-degree murder in the deaths of two girls dating back to the 1970s, Gemini award-winning producer David Ridgen was packing up his gear to head to Minden.

The unsolved murder of 11-year-old Kathryn-Mary Herbert, which dates back nearly four decades, is a cold case that Ridgen began working on in 2009 for a CBC documentary, "Garden of Tears." The nearly 20-minute long piece includes interviews with Herbert's mother, Shari Greer, and police involved in the initial investigation.

In researching Herbert's murder – she disappeared while heading to her home in Abbotsford, B.C. on Sept. 24, 1975 – Ridgen read an article that linked an unnamed suspect to the case.

"I thought 'oh, that's interesting,' but nothing ever happened," he said in an interview at The Dominion Hotel in Minden.

Ridgen eventually obtained Handlen's name through a source and found an address for him in Edmonton. He visited the home with a hidden camera, but was greeted by someone else and told that Handlen had moved away. Footage of that encounter can be seen in the documentary, but any mentions of Handlen's name are bleeped out.

The same year he embarked on the film, Ridgen made contact with Lyn Winans, a local resident and longtime friend of Handlen's. He stayed in touch with her because of her connection to the alleged murderer.

Three years later, as an independent filmmaker, he strapped on his camera and confronted Handlen at a residence in Minden. He confirmed the man's identity and asked him a set of questions, one of which resulted in Handlen slamming the door in his face, said Ridgen.

According to information from CBC, Handlen is a convicted rapist. In 1978, he picked up a hitchhiker near Port Hope, B.C. and sexually assaulted the woman, who managed to escape and was picked up by a passing motorist. He was sentenced to 18 years, but on appeal that sentence was reduced to 12 years.

On Nov. 28, Handlen was arrested by police in Surrey, B.C. without incident and subsequently charged by the RCMP with first-degree murder in the deaths of Herbert and 12-year-old Monica Jack.

According to a press release from the RCMP, Jack was riding her bike near the Nicola Ranch in Merritt, B.C. when she vanished. It took 17 years before her body was found in a rural area, approximately six kilometres from where she was last seen.

Herbert's body was discovered two months

after her disappearance in an undeveloped area.

Last week, Ridgen conducted interviews in Minden to try and find out what the community knew about Handlen from his time in the area. Participants weren't willing to go on-camera, but agreed to be interviewed for a radio story that will air on CBC's The Current.

"I'm not sure when it will air, certainly not during any period that would affect the case in any way," he said. "That's not the aim. The aim is to tell a story – how it affects the town and how it's affected the people closest to the defendant."

Ridgen said he would likely return to town to conduct further interviews.

Garden of Tears was part of a cold case series that Ridgen pitched to CBC. Other cases he covered included the murders of Wayne Greavette, Sharin' Morningstar Keenan and Christine Harron.

The man responsible for Harron's murder, Anthony Edward Ringel, initially confessed to the crime but the case was thrown out because some of the evidence was deemed inadmissible.

"I was the only reporter who's ever interviewed the guy. ... Eight months after the broadcast he ends up being arrested – again," recalled Ridgen.

Ringel was arrested and charged with first-degree murder last February after police

announced they had new evidence against him.

In one of his most well-known documentaries, "Mississippi Cold Case," Ridgen looked into the Ku Klux Klan murders of two African-American youths in 1964. The film has been cited as one of the reasons state officials re-opened their investigation into the case.

"I basically had a Klansman put in jail because of the film," said Ridgen, referring to James Ford Seale, who was sentenced to three life sentences for the two murders.

As challenging and emotionally exhausting as they can be, Ridgen finds that tackling these cases is somewhat therapeutic for the families and communities affected by such violent crimes. It's also about trying to bring the perpetrators to justice, which can lead to some form of reconciliation between families and those who committed the crime.

"Any time the media can shine a light on old allegedly intractable cases like these, it's a good thing. It lets family, police, and even perpetrators know that the case has not been forgotten and it has the potential to bring new information to light," he said.

Handlen, now 67, made his first court appearance in Abbotsford on Monday. According to Abbotsford News, his next court date was set for March 2.



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Bush dog

When Vivian's Christmas tree fell apart, it was the end of an era. After twenty years she was free to once again experience the adventure and memory-laden scent of a real evergreen.

Of course there was no way Vivian was about to pay up to forty dollars for this. Not when she was surrounded by thousands of acres of central Ontario bush. So then the discussion with her spouse Ben began, because at first Ben had wanted to buy a pre-lit and perfect artificial tree from a big box store.

Vivian had argued they needed to set aside a day, drive to a side road she had scoped out, saw in hand, and cut their tree. True it would be awkward squeezing it into their car's small trunk. The car's roof might work better though it was also rather small and slippery. On the other hand, Ben longed for the ease of opening a box and unfolding seasonal perfection in a few minutes. However Vivian made such a moving argument for the natural alternative that he agreed.

"I'll just walk up the hydro line behind our property. There are bound to be trees there and we don't even have to drive," he suggested. Ben was sitting on the chesterfield at the time, absently stroking Simon's head. Simon was a long-haired Chihuahua, tipping the scales at eight pounds, and sat comfortably atop Ben's knee, a favourite spot. Vivian muttered that it was unlikely they'd find a good specimen there. The trees would be small and she for one did not want to venture off the clear cut and onto someone's private property.

The days were passing without any decision and Christmas was looming closer. So when Vivian looked up from the computer to see Ben in all his winter woollies, about to check out the hydro line 'in case there's a suitable tree' just waiting to be chosen, she was relieved. Although she doubted Ben would meet with success, at least the effort was a start. Beside Ben stood Simon, slowly wagging his tail in anticipation.

"You're not taking Simon are you?" queried Vivian. "He's pretty little." But Ben reassured her that the snow cover was not deep and Simon needed the mental stimulation of helping pick out a tree. "When I find one, I'll come get you to take a look before cutting anything." And off they went, Ben holding Simon's leash as the diminutive dog trotted happily beside him.

Vivian watched from the window as the two set off across the backyard and up the hydro line's hill. She then returned to her computer work, already thinking they could check out the side road later, when Ben and Simon returned in defeat.

However shortly thereafter the two loggers returned with good news. Ben had spied three possible trees and it was time for Vivian's inspection and choice. Simon sat smugly at Ben's feet as though to say, 'See, we know what we're doing!'

What a perfect day for tree hunting, thought Vivian as their little entourage trekked back outside. The fresh snowfall beneath a pristine blue sky had turned the world into a living Christmas card. Once they cleared the backyard Ben unhooked

Simon's leash. Before a nervous Vivian could object, Ben reassured her that he had done the same earlier and Simon stayed close. Sure enough, although Simon buried his nose in old deer tracks scattered on the ground, he kept returning to Ben's side before veering off again for more smells.

Despite being so small and almost decorative in his appearance, Simon was still a dog. He raced around large rocks, kicking up snow before stopping abruptly for more smells. Tail up and head down, he managed to tree a black squirrel then returned triumphantly to his humans. Vivian relaxed.

To her happy surprise, Ben and Simon had indeed found a wonderful evergreen. Ben half carried, half dragged it back toward their backyard as Vivian held the saw and Simon lead the way. Unleashed he trotted ahead purposefully, guiding their little expedition around snow-hidden depressions, fallen limbs and gnarly roots.

Hot chocolate and fruit cake along with a dog biscuit provided the three of them with a reward for their efforts. Then Vivian and Ben fitted the spruce into its new tree stand while Simon watched from the chesterfield. Once the tree had thawed, it was quickly transformed into a sparkling, nostalgic focal point glimmering in a corner of the room. As Simon dozed on the chesterfield, Vivian and Ben raised their glasses to the tree, the season and their newly acquired 'bush dog'.



By Sharon Lynch

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

HCPL'S TOP FICTION

1. *Bad Country* by C.B. McKenzie
2. *The Book of Strange New Things* by Michel Faber
3. *Dead But Not Forgotten* by Charlene Harris

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Canadian Spacewalkers* by Bob McDonald
2. *The Happiness of Pursuit* by Chris Guillebeau
3. *Tiny Homes on the Move* by Lloyd Kahn

HCPL'S TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Inch and Roly and the Sunny Day Scare* by Melissa Wiley (Picture Book)
2. *Be a Wilderness Detective* by Peggy Kochanoff (JNF)

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1. *The November Man* (DVD)
2. *The Cinderella Murder* by Mary Higgins Clark (Book on CD)

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HHHSF campaign co-chair Don Popple and executive director Dale Walker announce the launch of the Cash for Care lottery at the Minden hospital.

Cash for Care lottery will support palliative project

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

County residents can support health services in the Highlands and receive a shot at winning up to \$25,000 in the third annual Cash for Care lottery.

The lottery officially got underway during a Dec. 4 launch event at the Minden hospital.

“We’re really hopeful that this will do very well, and have a sellout of the 4,000 tickets that we have,” said Dale Walker, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF).

Over the past two years, the lottery raised a net amount of \$60,000 for the construction of a new palliative care centre at the Haliburton hospital.

“What you stand to get is your money back plus a few hundred bucks,” said Don Popple, HHHSF campaign co-chair.

Early bird prizes include two draws for \$500 and one for \$1,000. The finals draw will take place on May 22 and offer cash prizes of \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000 and \$15,000.

To date, the Making Moments Matter campaign has raised approximately \$660,000 for the Haliburton Highlands Palliative Care Centre. The fundraising target is \$900,000.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100, and can be purchased at the following locations in Minden and Haliburton: Dollo’s Foodland, TD Canada Trust, Bank of Montreal, Todd’s Independent and Haliburton Foodland.

Minden salutes volunteers

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Two Minden Hills residents who have made their mark in the community were recognized during a volunteer appreciation reception on Dec. 4 at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Casey Cox was the recipient of the Gordon A. Monk award for his extensive volunteerism over an extended period of time and the Good Neighbour award for taking the initiative to do “spontaneous or unheralded deeds,” according to the nomination criteria.

The Ross Rigney award went to local teenager Spencer Devolin, which is given to youth for their achievements

and contributions in the community on a volunteer basis.

Newly-elected Reeve Brent Devolin greeted those in attendance and thanked them for their involvement in the community.

“It makes the fabric of our community what it is,” he said, before pledging to create an environment that supports the work of local volunteers.

“Thank you very much for your efforts in the past and I’m looking forward to your help in the future.”

Each year, members of the community are given the opportunity to nominate who they feel is most deserving of the three awards.

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From left, Veronica Nelson, director of diagnostic imaging; Varouj Eskedjian, HHHS CEO; Dale Walker, HHHSF executive director; Peter Oyler, HHHSF chairman; and Don Popple, HHHSF campaign co-chair.

Foundation makes \$280K ultrasound project possible

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

County residents won't have to travel far for an ultrasound now that Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) has been able to purchase and install this equipment in the Haliburton hospital.

The \$280,000 project was funded by the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), a registered charity that raises funds for health care in the area.

The installation means that around 15

patients per day will be able to undergo an ultrasound locally rather than having to travel to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay.

"This is a great service for the community," said HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, adding that the new equipment will result in cost-savings for patients and provide much faster results.

Veronica Nelson, director of diagnostic imaging for both the Ross Memorial and Haliburton hospital, explained that a sonographer would perform the ultrasound and the images would then be seen by a

radiologist on-screen in Peterborough.

"Generally within about an hour, the physician has the report in their hand," said Nelson. "That's pretty amazing that that can happen."

By utilizing high-frequency sound waves to obtain an image, the equipment can be used to help diagnose a host of problems and view a developing fetus during pregnancy. It's also capable of echocardiology (ultrasonic images of the heart).

Before purchasing the equipment, the hospital relied on a private provider which

meant they had little control over the service being provided, said HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian.

"This way... we know from a quality perspective that we're exceeding all of the standards," said Eskedjian.

Walker said the donation was made possible due to monetary donations and "several nice gifts" from estates.

Nelson pointed out this money would also cover maintenance costs for the next seven years.

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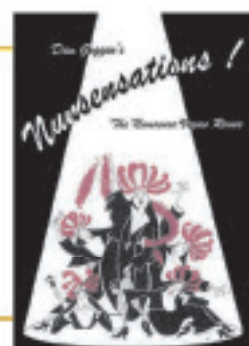
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Century 21 realtors help food banks

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

About 25 local real estate agents have pitched in to contribute \$500 to both the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank and Minden Food Bank.

“We’re hoping it spurs some other people in the county [to do the same],” said Andrew Hodgson, broker of record for Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd.

On Dec. 9, several agents gathered at the Haliburton office to present a cheque to representatives of the 4Cs. A presentation was also made to the Minden Food Bank the same day.

Hodgson said this was the fifth year that his team donated to both organizations.



Photos by Mark Arike and Walt Griffin

Top: Andrew Hodgson, broker of record, hands over a \$500 cheque to Haliburton 4Cs treasurer Judy MacDuff and directors Ron Mark and Rose Barry on behalf of the Haliburton Century 21 realtors. Above: Andrew Hodgson gives \$500 to Barbara Walford-Davis for the Minden Food Bank on behalf of the Minden Century 21 realtors.

Through my eyes

Heroes and villains



Since the beginning of time we have had heroes and villains, some real and others fiction, from King Arthur and Genghis Khan, to Churchill and Himmler. Disney is probably where we have perceived the heroes and villains we remember most from our childhood, like Peter Pan and Captain Hook.

Throughout our childhood, our teenage years and our adolescence, we have seen many good and evil figures come and go. We even go so far as to be inspired by these characters, for better or for worse. We alter our moral compasses in the process of striving to be a better person, or adopting the traits of someone who takes advantage of others. It’s kind of like that game you would play with your friends in elementary school, cops and robbers. Some people aspire to be police and protect and help the innocent, while others aspire to become criminals and further their own lives at the expense of others.

Hopefully most choose the former option, but sometimes people don’t feel like they have much of a choice.

Do I believe children are influenced by what they see on the news and on TV? Yes, and I believe they are influenced by the news. Media can create a fear effect through their reporting, too. National media broadcasts prioritize, and sometimes sensationalize, criminal activities. They show these crimes over and over throughout the day, and repeat them during the week. This makes it seem like there is so much more crime than their truly is.

Young children are easily susceptible to bad behaviours, and so are teenagers though they try to deny it. Young people are without question influenced by the bad in our society.

I struggle with the bad and can be an evil man at times. I say things I don’t truly mean. However, the guilt of doing something bad will make you stop and reconsider your actions. Guilt fills my heart a few moments after I am mean to people and I sit somewhere and evaluate my actions.

Am I a good person? Yes, I think I am. I do feel like I can do better, but that’s not a bad thing. It’s good to always strive to make better decisions and be a better person.

We are all born innocent and we all have good and evil in us. The choices we make while we are alive and on this earth dictate what kind of person we will be, so we must try to make smart decisions. We must also be prepared to atone when we make bad ones. And though we rebel against it, we should listen to our elders as they have already walked the roads before us and warn us of some of the traps and pitfalls.

I want to try harder to do the right things and I hope that you will, too. There’s still time for us to be heroes.

By Matthew Desrosiers

Cops fill their cruiser

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) collected 491 bags of food, along with some cash donations, for the county’s food banks. The police partnered with Dollo’s Foodland, Easton’s ValuMart, Park’s Foodland, and Todd’s Independent on Dec. 6. Throughout the day, customers were asked to purchase pre-packaged food bags, which they gave to the OPP on their way out of the stores to fill the police cruisers.

Pictured right, from left are: Auxiliary Const. Marc Jones, Auxiliary Sgt. Wilfred VanLieshout, Park Foodland’s owner Brad Park, Auxiliary Staff Sgt. Brad Robinson, Const. Tyler Johnson, and Community Services Officer Dianna Dauphinee.





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Peppermill Steakhouse and Restaurant Peewee AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

The Highland Storm Peewee AE hosted the annual Silverstick Tournament in Minden this past weekend. Unfortunately, the squad had a tough go and failed to get a win in the three games they played, but all of the kids kept their heads held high and displayed great sportsmanship when faced with this disappointing adversity. You've got to hand it to this team for continuing to show up and play hard game in and game out, despite the losses.

There were some bright spots. Jaylin Frost continued to develop her defensive skills, learning a difficult position very quickly and showing that she has the

qualities to develop into a solid defensive presence. "Shake and Bake" Jake Sisson was the star of the tournament for the Storm, scoring two goals over the three games and goalie Nate Misco showed that he can flash the leather with the best of them.

Thanks go to all of the parents who volunteered their time to make this a fantastically well-run tournament, team manager Jenni Sisson for keeping everything organized and Bill Newhook for being the tournament convenor.

The coaching staff of James Baldry, Jeff Martin, Jamie Walker and yours truly, appreciates the patience and support our parents continue to display week after week. The season may not be what everyone had hoped for as far as wins and losses are concerned, but the lessons learned by these great kids may end up

being much more valuable in the end.

Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls

Submitted by
Dan Marsden

The Minden CARQUEST Auto Midget B Girls hosted the Lindsay Lynx on Dec. 7 in an afternoon contest to secure first place in their

eastern loop.

The Storm girls were short-staffed for their 14th game as they took on the young Lynx squad. Alicia McLean opened the scoring (the first of two and eventual game winner) with a bank shot from behind the net off the Lindsay tender midway through the first period. The Storm added four more tallies in the second period with goals by McLean, Kelsey Maracle, Sydney Feir and Maddie Allore, who also chipped in with a hat trick of helpers. Erin Little rounded out the scoring in the third period with a nice wrister in the 5-0 win. Connor Marsden earned her fifth shut-out of the season securing first place for the Storm squad. Great team effort girls! Keep the focus as we head into the winter break with a road game to Ennismore next week and then to Peterborough in the new year on Jan. 3 to take on the second place Ice Kats for a battle to maintain first place bragging rights. Next home game is Jan. 4 at 1:30 in Haliburton hosting the fourth place Keene Wolverines.

Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Storm took the Bracebridge Bears 6-4 in Haliburton last Friday. Although missing a few key players, the Storm held strong. Hats off to Captain Cooper in this game.

The first goal came when the Storm

Highland Storm

maneuvered into the Bracebridge zone. Lucas Haedicke passed the puck to Cooper, and he found the open corner. Next was during a power play, passes from O'Neill to Lucas Haedicke onto the stick of Cooper and he snapped it in, ending the first period 2-0. Next goal came half way through the second from a high slap shot by Jacob Haedicke that stunned the goalie, assisted by Cooper and Lucas Haedicke.

The Storm continued to pressure the Bears. O'Neill closed in and passed it to Manning, his sharp eye found Cooper open and ready to complete his hat trick, ending the second 4-1. Early in the third, Manning was in the right place to capture a rebound goal that came from a shot by Jacob Haedicke. Then Patterson-Smith did his magic, deked through and snapped it in. The Bears turned it up a notch late in the third and surprised the Storm with some goals, closing the gap but it wasn't enough.

It was a nice 2-0 shutout win for the Storm against the Oro Thunder on Saturday. The game was entertaining, with lots of back and forth action. Scoring began with a surprise gift goal, a shot by Cooper from centre deflected in. Late in the second, Patterson-Smith pushed past their defence and found the opening. It was an awesome game to all the boys, and a special mention to Bellefleur who earned the shutout.



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Winter enthusiasts hit the slopes

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Skiers and boarders took to the hills on Dec. 6 and 7 for the opening weekend of the winter season at Sir Sams Ski/Ride.

“Business was as good as last year, which was a great start,” said general manager Chris Bishop. “We’re happy with the attendance.”

Four out of 14 runs were open during the

weekend and all lift tickets, equipment rentals and lessons were half price. The special pricing continues until Dec. 24.

The surface is currently machine-groomed granular (manmade), whereas last year at this time there was two feet of natural snow on the ground.

Sir Sams is only open on weekends until Dec. 19, at which time the public will be able to enjoy the slopes every day. The only day the hills are closed is on Christmas day.



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: A skier catches big air off a jump at Sir Sam’s Ski/Ride on Dec. 7. Bottom: Local resident John Atkinson looks on as a friend learns to snowboard.

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Photos by Marke Arike
Left: Red Hawks goalie Jordan Hamilton watches the action from his end of the ice.
Above: Connor Dollo, left, gets in front of an opposing player.

Hawks douse Flames in fourth game of the season

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Red Hawks varsity hockey team handily defeated the Campbellford Flames 6-1 in a home game at A.J. LaRue Arena on Dec. 10. According to head coach Ron Yake, the team played well defensively and maintained control of the puck. “Even though we didn’t get the puck into their end much, we played very well defensively,” he said, recalling details of the first period. Yake said the visiting team “came out flying in the first four minutes” of the game. However, Campbellford’s goalie suffered a head injury with about five-and-a-half minutes left in the first to put him out of the game. Play was stopped for about 20 minutes and it seemed as though the rest of the game might have been called off. “I think it affected the mental mindset of all the players on both teams,” said Yake, referring to the injured player. He gave the opponents credit for doing what they could to avoid forfeiting the game. “Good for their team for trying to come up with a solution,” he said. “Unfortunately, they didn’t have a back-up [goalie].” The Flames decided to put in one of their

players, who had some previous experience in net. But from the onset of the second period, the Hawks turned up the heat and wouldn’t allow a goal against until nine minutes into the frame. Players responsible for all of the Hawks’ goals included Joel Fedeski, Devon Upton (two), Payden Miscio, Jaydon Wood and Blake Wood. Assists came from Wood, Chris Hall (two) and Connor Dollo (two). Yake said his team did a solid job of keeping the puck deep in the other end, forechecking, and finding scoring opportunities. He commended goalie Jordan Hamilton for the role he played in net. The team’s regular season record now stands at 3-1. Prior to Wednesday’s game the Hawks had four points and were ninth in the standings. Last week they played against three teams in a tournament in Whitby and ended up with one win and two losses. Going forward, Yake said the team will work to increase their goal-scoring. He pointed out that last year’s varsity team was a solid contender and that this year’s group is nearing that level. The Hawks next home game is on Feb. 4 at 3:50 p.m. against Adam Scott Lions.

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Photo by Mark Arike

Senior volleyball coach Michelle Backus, right, helps Nicole Black with her serve.

Seniors girls' volleyball team sets sights on COSSA

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

They haven't had a win yet, but that doesn't mean the senior girls' Red Hawks volleyball team won't be a force to be reckoned with.

"We have not won a game yet, but they have played very well," said the team's coach, Michelle Backus.

The single-A team, which is comprised of 10 female players, has participated in two tournaments and faced some double-A schools (larger student population). Their current record stands at 0-6.

"In playing against some of the larger schools that have more club players we can hone our skills," said Backus.

Two of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students are in Grade 11 and the remaining eight are in Grade 12, three of whom are new to the sport at the high school level. Those players are Nicole Black, Emily Edwards and Callie Dick.

The team's captain and setter, Maggie Scheffe, has already proven to be a strong leader for the girls.

"She has excelled at being where she needs to be on the court, and helping others in their rotation as well," she said.

Heading into the season, Backus said the team will focus on their serving skills and the 5-1 rotation.

"Without those you just give up points because of the fact that it's rally points," she pointed out.

So far the girls are excelling at their defence, said Backus.

The team will need to work on their confidence level, which is somewhat affected by the amount of practice time they receive in comparison to other schools. All of the students have excelled academically, said Backus, and several already play other sports.

Practices began in November and are currently held in the gymnasium and the cafeteria after school, four times per week.

Backus would like to see the team give it their all and advance to COSSA in February to play against other single-A teams. But first they must make it past Kawarthas in February.

"We're going to aim for COSSA," she said.

It's been a pleasure to work with the team, said Backus, calling them "a great bunch of girls who are eager to learn new skills," perfect them and work together.

The Hawks will play in a tournament at HHSS on Dec. 15 at 1 p.m. The outcomes of those games will count toward standings.

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Top: Scott Woods, otherwise known as "The Flippin' Fiddler," gets the show started.

Above: Fourteen-year-old fiddler, step dancer and vocalist, Amanda MacInnis, wows an audience with her range.

Fiddlin' through the holidays

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Canadian Open Fiddle Champion Scott Woods and his band combined their natural stage presence with years of playing experience to entertain an audience in Minden on Dec. 5.

The two-hour evening performance took place in the gymnasium at Archie Stouffer Elementary School and was a fundraiser with half of the ticket sales going to the Minden United Church. Close to 100 people attended the concert.

Minden was one of 24 stops on the "Christmas Tradition" tour.




Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Homemade cookies sell out in minutes

The Haliburton United Church women's group baked roughly 120 dozen cookies for their annual cookie walk sale, and in a matter of minutes they were gone. The Dec. 6 sale raised \$830 that will be spread throughout the community.

Pictured above, Heather Lindsay (left), Marilyn Frost, Julie Kennedy, Lindy Smith, and Joan Kott show off their haul of cookies.

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Who: We are seeking the witness who was an older gentleman driving a light colour older model SUV. He helped my wife immediately following the accident.

Contact: Anyone who has knowledge of the accident or was witness to the accident please call collect, Toronto 416-648-9185.

OBITUARIES



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Jean died peacefully at Highland Wood in Haliburton after a brief illness. Jean was born in Gowanstown, Ontario and lived most of her life in Palmerston. She was the daughter of William Bailey and Nellie Kress. Jean was a Registered Nurse, a graduate of The Stratford School of Nursing and worked as a nurse and Director of Nursing at Palmerston and District Hospital. Jean continued to serve others well into her retirement years and was a true friend to many, especially Lorne Moore of Carescent Care, Harriston and his family (her adopted family). Jean was a faithful member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Palmerston and a member of Peace Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Palmerston. Jean was married to the late John Edgar Hunt and was beloved mother of Lynne Johnston of Haliburton, John Hunt (deceased), and Patricia Kramer (Marc) of Switzerland. Her memory will be cherished by her grandchildren, Beth Robinson (Mark) of Leesburg, Virginia, Philip (Carol Marriott) of Minneapolis, Minnesota and David Hunt of North Bay. She leaves two great grandchildren, Jayden and Brayden Hunt.

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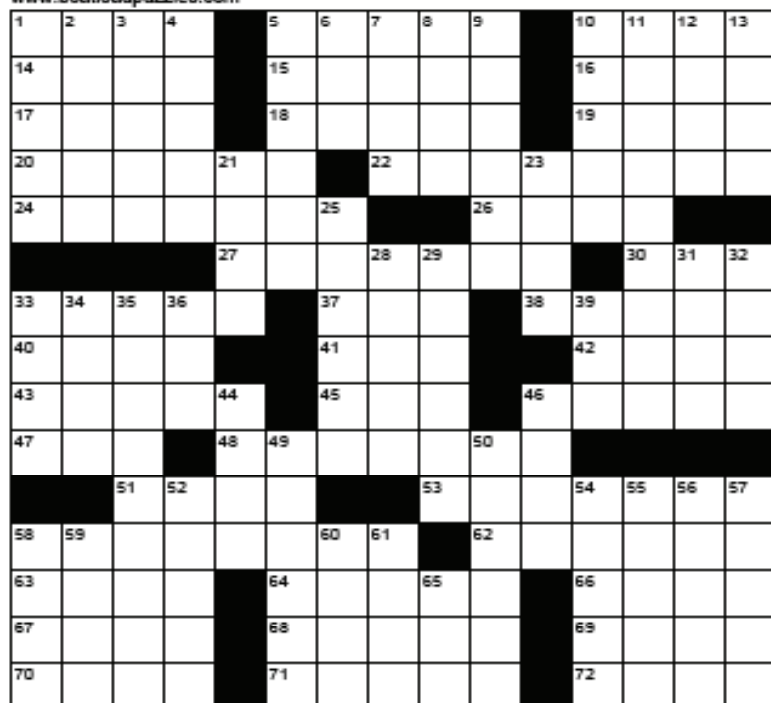
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The Council of the County of Haliburton will be discussing the 2015 budget at their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, the January 14, 2015 Committee meetings and the January 28, 2015 Council meeting. Budget discussions will also include a review and approval of changes to the County Tariff of Fees for 2015. The meetings start at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden.

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19. Fish feature
20. Facet
22. Radiates
24. Tell again
26. Infamous emperor
27. Reagan and McDonald
30. Snitch
33. Silly
37. Vital statistic
38. Biblical pronoun
40. The ____ Ranger
41. Fellows
42. Stable morsels
43. Game of chance
45. Naval off.
46. Leased again
47. Snow runner
48. Toy dog breed
51. Two of a kind
53. Cold Russian region
58. Rubber bands
62. Newest
63. Charge
64. Cut bread
66. Satan's domain
67. Dislike intensely
68. Consumed
69. On an ocean trip
70. Fragrance
71. ____ potato
72. Scottish loch

DOWN

1. Back tooth
2. Moved upward
3. Field covers
4. Frozen rain
5. Cavern
6. Inexperienced
7. Pimples
8. Think
9. Trip to the bank, e.g.
10. Groucho Marx's prop
11. Opinion piece
12. Mete (out)
13. Building extensions
21. Part of TLC
23. Bird's home
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54. Revolutionary ____ Allen
55. ____ Witherspoon of
"Pleasantville"
56. Small landmasses
57. Map book
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61. Spot
65. Middling grade

DECEMBER 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Minden Hills Bid Euchre Place: Minden Community Centre 1pm - 4pm \$3 Pickleball - Haliburton HHSS 7 - 9:45 pm Carl Dixon's Annual Christmas Pageant - McKecks Tap & Grill 7pm - 10 pm \$20.00 Donation to the Foodbank	St George's Haliburton Christmas Pageant 7:30 pm	YesterYule Yummies 11am - 2pm Twelve Mile Lake Historical Church Chambers Rd Wrap it Up - Student Art Exhibition Haliburton School of the Arts 12 pm Free	Wilberforce Santa Claus Parade 12:30 pm, followed by treats and visits with Santa for the kids Lloyd Watson Center
11	12	13	14
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
FIREWORKS Rails End Gallery 11am - 5pm - Free Haliburton Scottish Country Dancing - J.D.Hodgson Elementary School Gym 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - \$3	FIREWORKS Rails End Gallery 11am - 5pm - Free	Minden Hills Pickleball - Minden Community Centre 9am - 12pm - \$2 Dorset Yoga Classes - Dorset Recreation Centre 11:30am - 12:30pm \$2 Dorset African Hand Drumming Class - Dorset Recreation Centre 10am - 11am \$10	FIREWORKS Rails End Gallery 11am - 5pm - Free Minden Hills Bid Euchre Minden Community Centre - 1pm - 4pm - \$3 Dorset Adult Drop-In Volleyball - Dorset Recreation Centre - 7 to 8:45 p.m. - \$1
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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
FIREWORKS - Rails End Gallery - 11am - 5pm - Free	FIREWORKS - Rails End Gallery - 11am - 5pm - Free	A Dramatic Reading of 'A Christmas Carol - Haliburton Highlands Museum - 2 - 4:30 pm - \$10 Minden Hills Bid Euchre Minden Community Centre - 1pm - 4pm - \$3	Minden Hills Table Tennis - Minden Community Centre 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - \$3
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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION DEC 11 - DEC 22, 2014			
Haliburton Branch General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot on last Wednesday of the month	Minden Branch Lunch menu, Monday - Friday, 12-2 p.m. Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.	Wilberforce Branch L.A. Meeting, Thursday, Lunch 11:30 a.m., Meeting 1 p.m. - Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Baked ham, scallop dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m. Jam session, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Wildlife Dinner, Saturday 5-7 p.m. Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. General meeting, Tuesday 7 p.m. Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. ** No karaoke until further notice	

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Highlander events



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Top left: Abigail Kauffeldt as The Chef fights to keep her chocolates secure on the platter. Top right: Abigail Kauffeldt (left) and Daniella Meraw as Raggedy Ann and Andy, fire their cannon as they fight off the mouse attack. Bottom right: Christine Bishop, Sonya Flatman, Rebecca Hamilton, Kendall Harrison, Claire Karaguesian, Rebecca Kidd, Brynn Meyers, and Brooke Stevenson in the Pas De Casse Noisette. Above left: Alyssa Morissette as Marie, and Jack Gmuzdek as Fritz in Heritage Ballet's production of The Nutcracker.

Nutcracker celebrates spirit of the season

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Parents, families and ballet enthusiasts were treated to a magical weekend thanks to Julie Barban's annual production of The Nutcracker.

Barban, owner of Heritage Ballet in Haliburton, put on three shows over the weekend.

"I think it went really well, considering our dress rehearsal was pretty scary," she said.

Overall, Barban is happy with how the shows went. But the stage wasn't solely reserved for prim and proper ballerinas. Members of the community were invited to participate as well, which led to some fun moments on stage.

"I was really pleased with Rick [Lowes]

and Steve [Galea]," she said. "The big mice performance was really great. I wanted them to have fun with it, and they did. I'm hoping they'll do it next year."

While the shows didn't sell out, Barban said they came close on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. She said after expenses, the funds raised should be on par with last year's total.

Next for the ballet studio is to refocus

on their annual trip. This year, the group is headed to Europe for some exposure to professional ballet dance companies. The trip is in March.

Barban said the community's support is what makes The Nutcracker happen every year.

"[There are] lots of thank-yous," she said. "Thanks to all the parents and kids, and the volunteers."

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19th Annual Christmas Challenge

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The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to encourage you to include its Christmas Challenge in your plans. Large or small, each gift will help fill the Christmas hampers distributed by the Food Banks in Haliburton County for families in need.

Step 1: Call in advance to the Home Builders Office 705-457-6901. Members of the Home Builders Association will pick up your gifts and deliver them to the workshops in Haliburton and Minden.

Step 2: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Remember to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 15th. Early delivery to the workshops means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.

This is the 19th anniversary of the Christmas Challenge. Whether this is the first year you have taken the challenge or the 19th year all gifts are needed. If you aren't sure what to collect simply gather local gift certificates. A value of \$15 each make is easy to top up gifts for families who have teenagers.

Call 705-457-6901 and book your gift pick up date.



Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble Christmas Concert

Conducted by Beth Kipping

DATE: Thursday, December 18th
TIME: 7:30pm, Doors Open at 7:00pm

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What's on



Photos submitted by LaRae Krieger

Above: The choir, dressed as angels, perform during the Calling All Angels Christmas pageant on Dec. 6. Right: Joseph and Marie look over their baby Jesus.

The Christmas story comes to life at St. George's

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Whether you're familiar with the Christmas story, or have always wondered why and how this holiday came to be, the congregations of Minden's St. Paul's Anglican Church and Haliburton's St. George's Anglican Church are ready to share the answer.

On Dec. 6, 10 months of work came together at St. Paul's for the first of two Minden performances of Calling All Angels, a Christmas pageant put on by the Haliburton and Minden congregations. But if you missed it, there's another chance to see it live in Haliburton.

"It's a nice example of Minden and Haliburton working together," said creative director Sinclair Russell.

Both church choirs also came together to provide music for the show, under the direction of Bill Gliddon.

"The music's great," Russell said. "There are some audience participation carols,

some anthems the choir does, and two or three great solos."

The text for the script is taken from the King James version of the bible, and all the hymns and carols have been chosen to go along with the story.

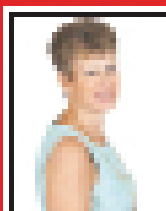
"It goes from the prophecy through to the kings," he said.

In the Christmas story, the coming of Jesus is foretold in a prophecy. The story wraps up when the three kings arrived in Bethlehem to find Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

"It's more of a show than a service," he said. "It's a nice way of getting into the Christmas spirit because we're actually portraying the first Christmas and the whole Christmas story."

The Haliburton show takes place on Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church. Unlike in Minden, there will only be one showing. There is no charge to attend, but donations are being accepted towards the church. Russell said the Minden donations will be used for St. Paul's outreach program.





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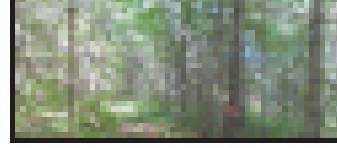
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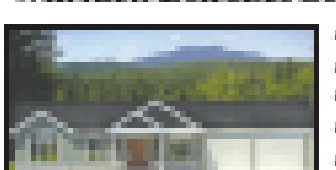


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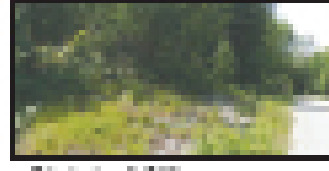
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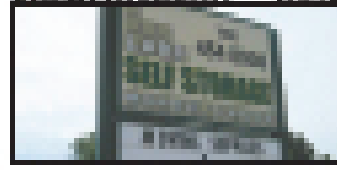
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